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SUBJECT: UPCOMING LOS CONFERENCE

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1. BEGIN SUMMARY: POLCOUNS DISCUSSED MAJOR ISSUES IN UPCOMING LOS CONFERENCE AT FOREIGN MINISTRY ON MARCH 10 IN ACCORDANCE WITH INSTRUCTIONS AND INFORMATION CONTAINED IN REFTTEL. FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL'S COMMENTS ON MAJOR ISSUES PENDING RESOLUTION IN UPCOMING LOS CONFERENCE WERE CONSISTENT WITH ECUADOR'S TERRITORIAL SEA CONCEPT. HE NEVERTHELESS VOICED ECUADOR'S STRONG HOPES THAT AN ACCEPTABLE COMPREHENSIVE LOS TREATY WILL BE NEGOTIATED, AND SAID THAT THE GOE WILL WORK HARD TO CONTRIBUTE TO THIS NEEDED AND NOBLE GOAL. FOLLOWING ARE SPECIFIC COMMENTS ON THE MAJOR ISSUES. END SUMMARY.

2. POLCOUNS MET ON MARCH 10 WITH AMBASSADOR TEODORO BUSTAMANTE  
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(FOREIGN MINISTRY ADVISER ON TERRITORIAL SOVEREIGNTY AND,

WITH THE PENDING DEPARTURE OF AMBASSADOR GARCIA, THE MINISTRY'S PRINCIPAL OFFICER ON LOS MATTERS) TO DISCUSS UPCOMING LOS CONFERENCE SESSION. ALL POINTS INCLUDED IN REFTEL WERE DISCUSSED AND POLCOUNS LEFT AIDE MEMOIRE FOR MINISTRY USE. AMBASSADOR BUSTAMANTE SAID AIDE MEMOIRE WOULD BE USED IN MINISTRY'S CONSULTATIONS WITH AMBASSADOR LUIS VALENCIA, ECUADOREAN AMBASSADOR TO PERU AND HEAD OF THE ECUADOREAN LOS DELEGATION, WHO WILL BE STOPPING IN QUITO ON MARCH 11 EN ROUTE TO NEW YORK FROM LIMA. BUSTAMANTE MADE THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS REGARDING THE GOE'S POSITION ON MAJOR LOS ISSUES.

3. THE GOE AGREES THAT THE ELABORATION OF INTERNATIONAL RULES FOR MINING OF THE DEEP SEABED IS PERHAPS THE MAJOR OBSTACLE TO THE SUCCESS OF THE NEGOTIATIONS. BUSTAMANTE STATED THAT THE GOE POSITION WAS VERY CLOSE TO THAT PUT FORTH BY AMBASSADOR ENGO OF CAMAROOON. HE ALSO EXPRESSED CURIOSITY ABOUT WHAT HAD HAPPENED TO THE AMENDMENTS PROPOSED BY THE US DURING THE LAST NEGOTIATING SESSION.

4. THE GOE IS MORE SATISFIED ABOUT THE WORK OF COMMITTEE I AND LESS SATISFIED WITH THE THUS FAR NEGOTIATED PRODUCT OF COMMITTEE II THAN THE USG APPEARS TO BE. WITH RESPECT TO REGIONAL ORGANIZATIONS FOR PROPER UTILIZATION AND CONSERVATION OF HIGHLY MIGRATORY SPECIES, AMBASSADOR BUSTAMANTE EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT US POSITION THAT REGIONAL ORGANIZATIONS BE COMPOSED OF "ALL STATES" (PRESUMABLY OF THE REGION AND THOSE THAT HAVE BEEN FISHING IN THE REGION). HE SAID THE GOE BELIEVED STATES FROM OUTSIDE THE REGION SHOULD NOT BE ASSOCIATED WITH THE REGIONAL ORGANIZATION ON THE SAME FOOTING AS GEOGRAPHICAL STATES OF THE REGION.

5. BUSTAMANTE SAID THE GOE WAS ALSO CONCERNED ABOUT THE ABILITY TO RECONCILE COASTAL STATE RESOURCES AND OTHER INTERESTS IN THE 200-MILE ECONOMIC ZONE WITH FREEDOM OF NAVIGATION AND OTHER LEGITIMATE HIGH SEA USES.

6. AGAIN IN KEEPING WITH ECUADOR'S 200-MILE TERRITORIAL SEA CONCEPT, BUSTAMANTE STATED THAT ECUADOR WOULD WANT

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FULL CONTROL OF ALL SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH AND INSTALLATIONS WITHIN ITS CLAIMED TERRITORIAL WATERS.

7. ON MARINE POLLUTION, BUSTAMANTE STATED GREATER ELABORATION WAS NEEDED IN THIS AREA. HE SUGGESTED THAT THE SUBJECT WAS A VERY TECHNICAL ONE AND THAT ECUADOR WAS FAVORABLY DISPOSED TO THE VERY VALUABLE WORK BEING PERFORMED ON THIS SUBJECT BY IMCO, AN ORGANIZATION WHICH BUSTAMANTE THOUGHT

WAS BASED IN LONDON.

8. AMBASSADOR BUSTAMANTE NOTED THAT THE DRAFT OF PART IV OF THE SINGLE NEGOTIATING TEXT REFERRED TO BY THE USG HAD NOT BEEN OFFICIALLY AUTHORIZED OR COMMISSIONED BY THE LOS CONFERENCE, AND THAT THE GOE HAS SOME SERIOUS RESERVATIONS ABOUT IT AS PRESENTLY CONSTITUTED.  
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